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COMPOSITE MATERIALS  
Examiner : Marc S. Alvo  
Group Art Unit : 1731

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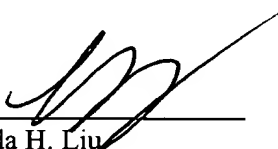
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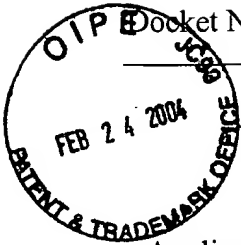
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